

REMARKS

Remaining Claims

Claims 16-18 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the invention. These amendments do not contain new matter and are fully supported by the specification. After these amendments are entered, five (5) Claims (claims 16-20) are pending..

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C §102

Claims 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Pub. No. 61-072633(JP'633). The rejection over these claims is moot in view of the amendment of claim 16. Applicants submit that JP'633 does not teach all of the limitations of claim 16 as currently claimed. As such, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection.

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C §103

Claims 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Keene et al. (5,636,647). The rejection over these claims is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

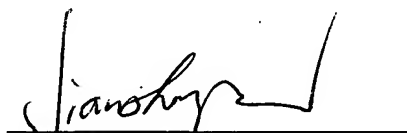
Applicant respectfully submit that Applicants' invention as currently claimed is not obvious in light of Keene et al. because the cited reference does not meet all the limitations of the claimed invention. For example, the cited reference does not disclose nor suggest anything about a cylindrical recess for accommodating the lens mold, anything about a raised cylindrical portion surrounding the recess, and anything about a substantially enclosed area being formed between the cleaning assembly and the lens mold with the lens mold being situated within the substantially enclosed area. Since the cited reference does not contains all of the elements of the invention as currently claimed, or provides any motivation or guidance to a person skilled in the art to make necessary changes to its disclosure to arrive at the present invention, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing and in conclusion, Applicant submits that the rejections set-forth in the Office Action have been overcome, and that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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